

Explanation of Amendments in the Claims:

Cancel Claims 1 to 21.

Add new claims as follows:

22.(new) A method for forming a support column comprising:  
providing a form for receiving and containing a settable filler material;  
providing on the form a tubular wall formed of a flexible woven polymer fabric having a first annular end edge at a first end and a second annular end edge at a second end;  
providing on the form two circular end panels each formed from a circle of a flexible woven polymer fabric with an outer circular edge;  
stitching each of the panels around its circular peripheral edge to a respective one of the first and second end edges of the tubular wall;  
forming at least one filler opening into the form for receiving the filler material;  
locating the form with one end panel uppermost at a surface to be supported and with the opposite end panel resting on a floor surface;  
pouring into the form a heated settable filler material;  
causing the filler material to set while contained by the form and thus supporting the surface to be supported by transferring loads to the floor surface;  
wherein the tubular wall is formed from a strip of the fabric which is arranged helically such that one side edge of the strip is stitched to an opposed side edge of a next turn of the strip to define a stitched seam which extends helically of the tubular wall from one end panel to the opposite end panel.

23.(new) The method according to Claim 22 wherein the flexible woven fabric defining the end panels and the tubular wall consists of a single layer of fabric which is laminated on its inside surface with a metal foil layer.

24.(new) The method according to Claim 22 wherein the strip of fabric has a width relative to the diameter of the tubular wall such that the strip extends in at least one turn of helix.

25.(new) The method according to Claim 22 wherein there is provided a filler opening in one end panel and a filler opening in the tubular wall.

26.(new) The method according to Claim 22 wherein the strip of fabric has a width relative to the diameter of the tubular wall such that the strip lies at an angle of the order of 45 degrees relative to a line transverse to the longitudinal to the axis of the tubular member.

27.(new) The method according to Claim 22 there are provided support straps adjacent one end panel.

28.(new) The method according to Claim 27 the support straps are arranged at one end panel in which there is provided a filler opening.

29.(new) The method according to Claim 22 wherein the tubular wall and the end panels each consist of single layer of the fabric.

30.(new) The method according to Claim 22 wherein the tubular wall and the end panels are stitched together with stitched seams on an outside of the form.

31.(new) The method according to Claim 22 wherein the tubular wall and the end panels are stitched together with simple overlapping seams.

32.(new) The method according to Claim 22 wherein the flexible fabric is polypropylene woven fabric.

33.(new) The method according to Claim 22 wherein the flexible woven fabric is substantially imperforate.

34.(new) The method according to Claim 22 wherein the flexible woven fabric defining the end panels and the tubular wall consists of a single layer of fabric which is laminated on its inside surface with a metal foil layer.

35.(new) The method according to Claim 34 wherein there is provided a filler opening in one end panel and a filler opening in the tubular wall.

36.(new) The method according to Claim 34 wherein there are provided support straps adjacent one end panel.

37.(new) The method according to Claim 34 wherein the tubular wall and the end panels are stitched together with stitched seams on an outside of the form.